HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.13561 of 2007

Date: 10.07.2007

Between:

Jogi Chelamaiah

….Petitioner

and

Motor Vehicles Inspector, Rajahmundry,
East Godavari District

….Respondent

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O R D E R:

The petitioner is a driver holding a driving licence, valid up to 31.7.2009. When he was driving a lorry bearing No. AP 5 Y 1488, an accident took place on 16.12.2006 near Diwan Cheruvu, National Highway No.5. The respondent herein seized the driving licence of the petitioner soon after the accident and had not returned it so far. The petitioner challenges the same and seeks a direction to the respondent to return the licence.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Transport.

It is, no doubt, true that the licence of the petitioner was seized by the respondent on occurrence of the accident. The record, however, discloses that the Regional Transport Officer, Kakinada issued proceedings dated 19.1.2007 suspending the licence of the petitioner for a period of six months from 29.12.2006 to 28.6.2007. In that view of the matter, the licence was kept with them.

Now that the period of suspension of the licence had expired, the petitioner can collect the licence from the office of the Deputy Transport Commissioner, Kakinada.

The writ petition is disposed of leaving it open to the petitioner to collect the licence from the office of the Deputy Transport Commissioner, Kakinada, which in turn, shall refund it forthwith. No costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J

10th July, 2007.
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